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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Appeal Decision mailed on June 26, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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